This initiative measure is submitted to the people in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of Article II of the California Constitution.

This initiative measure amends a section of the California Constitution; therefore, existing provisions proposed to be deleted are printed in strikeout type and new provisions proposed to be added are printed in *italic type* to indicate that they are new.

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Section 1. This measure shall be known and may be cited as the "Legislative Term Limits Reform Act of 2010."

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- Gection 2. It is the intent of this measure to change the current term limits law for Legislators who are now permitted to serve up to 14 years in the Legislature by doing the following:
- (i) Reducing the total number of years a Legislator is permitted to serve from 14 to 12.
- (2) Permitting a Legislator to serve her or his years of service either in the Assembly, Senate, or a combination of the two.
- Prohibiting any current or former Legislator from benefiting in any way from this reform.

Section 3. Section 2 of Article IV of the California Constitution is amended to read:

- SEC 2. (a) (1) The Senate has a membership of 40 Senators elected for 4-year terms, 20 to begin every 2 years. No Senator may serve more than 2 terms.
- (12) The Assembly has a membership of 80 members elected for 2-year terms. No member of the Assembly may serve more than 3 terms.
- (3) Their terms The terms of a Senator or a Member of the Assembly shall commence on the first Monday in December next following their her or his election.
- (4) During her or his lifetime a person may serve no more than 12 years in the Senate. the Assembly, or both, in any combination of terms. This subdivision shall only apply to those Members of the Senate or the Assembly who are first elected to the Legislature after the effective date of this subdivision and who have not previously served in the Senate or Assembly. Members of the Senate or Assembly who were elected before the effective date of this subdivision may only serve the number of terms allowed at the time of the last election before the effective date of this subdivision.
- (b) Election of members of the Assembly shall be on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years unless otherwise prescribed by the Legislature. Senators shall be elected at the same time and places as members of the Assembly.
- (c) A person is ineligible to be a member of the Legislature unless the person is an elector and has been a resident of the legislative district for one year, and a citizen of the United States and a resident of California for 3 years, immediately proceeding the election, and service of the full term of office to which the person is seeking to be elected would not exceed the maximum years of service permitted by subdivision (a) of this section.

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(d) When a vacancy occurs in the Legislature the Governor immediately shall call an election to fill the vacancy.

Section 4. Severability

The provisions of this measure are severable. If any provision of this measure or its application is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

SEC, Section 5. Conflicting Initiatives

In the event that this measure and another measure or measures changing the number of terms or years a legislator may serve in office shall appear on the same statewide election ballot, the provisions of the other measure or measures shall be deemed to be in conflict with this measure. In the event that this measure receives a greater number of affirmative votes, the provisions of this measure shall prevail in their entirety, and the other measure or measures shall be void.

